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Dedication

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To the poor in spirit, who love God with all their heart, mind, and soul, and their neighbors as themselves. (Matthew 22:37-39)

To the mourning, whose sorrow turns to joy in the presence of God. (John 16:16-22)

To the meek, who enter the narrow gate by the voice of their Shepherd. (John 10:27)

To the hungry and thirsting for righteousness, who have courage in tribulation because He has overcome the world. (John 16:33)

To the merciful, who take rest by the grace of His easy yoke and light burden. (Matthew 11:28-30)

To the pure in heart, who have their reward from their Father in secret. (Matthew 6:6)

To the peacemakers, who have humbled themselves to be holy disciples. (Luke 14:8-33)

To the persecuted on account of righteousness, chosen out of a hateful world to give the greatest love. (John 15:12-21)

Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ ἅλας τῆς γῆς. Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου.
You are the salt of the world. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

"Thus let shine the light of you before men, so that they may see your good works and they should glorify the Father of you in the heavens." (Matthew 5:16)



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Chapter 1: Introduction

The question of "what is the purpose of life" is a philosophical cliché often asked rhetorically or as a joke. In Douglas Adams' (1979) book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, a supercomputer is built to answer the ultimate question of "Life, the Universe, and Everything" (Adams, 1979,

p. 177). The answer given by the supercomputer was "42" (Adams, 1979, p. 188).

The Hitchhiker's Guide inspired a cult following. For years after publication, science fiction fans obsessed over the esoteric meaning of "42" as the purpose of life. After decades of being pressured by his fans for an answer, the author of the book replied to fan mail to clarify what the true meaning of "42" is.

"The answer to this is straightforward. It was a joke. [...] I sat at my desk, stared into the garden and thought '42 will do' I typed it out. End of story." (Adams, 1993).

Now, three decades after Adam's admission of the joke, the number "42" is symbolic of the contemporary and popular assertion that there is no objectively true answer to the purpose of life. One may go so far as to say the everyday Jack and Jill doesn't give too much thought to the great question of "why?" Such as, "Why am I alive?"

In the majority of instances, even if someone asks the question, they'll either stop at "42" – assuming there's not a true answer – or they'll settle on a simple religious doctrine or they'll just laugh it off and go back to scrolling their phones.

The plain and simple fact about why not many people attempt to define a universally true purpose in life for themselves is that there is no immediate tangible reward.

In other words, there's no outstanding bounty of a million dollars to the first person who discovers the objectively true meaning of life. The bank does not cancel your mortgage if you can tell your loan officer the meaning of their existence. And you don't get a holiday named after you with an annual fireworks show if you discover why we are here.

In other words, people focus on what is immediately profitable to them right now. This lack of personal curiosity or desire to learn about the objective purpose of life also extends to Christians and likely people of various faith doctrines the world over.

According to a survey by Arizona Christian University (2020), "a whopping majority of 86% Americans (six out of seven adults) believe there is a universal, shared purpose of human life, and two out of every three (66%) believe they have 'unique, God-given calling or purpose.' Yet few make any reference to God or the Christian faith in defining what these terms mean. Even among the 71% of Americans who consider

themselves to be Christians, fewer than 20% adopt the biblical view that our purpose is to know, love, and serve God" (CRC, 2020, p. 1).

Simply stated, 86% of Americans believe there is some kind of shared purpose in human life. While, 18% of Americans believe that "knowing, loving, and serving God" is the purpose of life. This book intends to explain Jesus' message about the purpose of our lives. Ultimately, serving God comes very close to the truth of His message.

There is much more to it, but that's the basic understanding. In this book, we will also examine how the spirit of God manifested in us when we resonate with our purpose in life. This will help us to remain aware of how the Creator provides and nourishes us when we are conscious of it. Lastly, we will contemplate why God created us for this purpose to bring us a sense of contentment and peace.

However, before continuing on the topic. Pay attention to your emotions when reading, "The purpose of life is serving God." What feelings come to mind?

There was once a time when I felt overwhelmed by this. My emotions were feeling squeezed by thinking about God. I

was tormented by the idea that an all-powerful being with the power of torture and damnation was judging every

thought action or mistake that I made.

So please, I beg of you, if you react negatively to the purpose of life being to serve God – you must know that this book is intended for you to read and to provide you with a physical presence of peace, hope, and completeness. Suspend your disbelief and read this book with an open mind in light of the intention being that it was written for people who may not identify as “believers in Jesus.”

On the other hand, if you resonate with the idea that service to Jesus Christ is the purpose of life then I encourage you to continue reading this message, as I pray it will serve to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit, so that God may be all in all. The esoteric understanding of Jesus’ teachings has certainly deepened the author’s relationship and unity with God and neighbor. I pray the same for you.



Chapter 2: τέλειος (Teleios)

In the last chapter, we looked at a study by Arizona Christian University (2020) which surveyed Americans about what they felt the purpose of life was.

The question presented in that study was: “What is the universal, common purpose, or ultimate reason for living?”

The following table is a breakdown of common answers and the percentage of the population that answered accordingly.

Answers to the ultimate reason for living	%
experiencing happiness and fulfillment	23%
evolving into our full potential	18%
knowing, loving, and serving God	18%
furthering the development of humanity	10%
living a long, healthy life	10%
advancing world peace	7%
there is no universal or common purpose	10%
unsure / don't know	4%

There is a shared understanding between these answers. Each of them has value and are interconnected. These answers contain a theme of “journey.” Likewise, the concept of a “purpose of life” points to a concept of “intention.” To answer the question of what is the purpose of life, it is important to comprehend the intention of the journey of life.

Moreover, each answer relates to an aspect of what we are doing with our life or the “meaning” derived from our life. These answers coincide with a theme of experience and refinement. For example, “experiencing happiness and fulfillment, knowing, loving and serving God, living a long and

healthy life and advancing world peace” each reference an aspect of, “experience” as our purpose.

Whereas, the answers of “evolving into our full potential, furthering the development of humanity” reference an aspect of personal or shared refinement. The message of Jesus Christ and the Bible provides a fully fleshed-out understanding of these aspects of experience and refinement.

Furthermore, the message of Jesus Christ and the Bible delivers a universally applicable understanding as to the intention of our life, as in how we came about being, why we are a being, and the result of our being. An important notion Jesus shares in the Bible is about the wisdom and personal refinement our experiences bring to our souls.

If there is an intended purpose in life, then there should also be an intended destination or fulfillment of that purpose. The corresponding term that references aspects of our intended purpose, the nature of our journey, and the fulfillment of that purpose is the Greek word “teleios.”

Teleios is the intention and journey of life. Strong's Concordance index of every word in the King James Version bible defines teleios as: “having reached its end, complete,

perfect.” The word *teleios* is often used by Jesus and the authors of the epistles as a way of saying “perfect, complete in all its parts, full grown, of full age, especially of the completeness of Christian character.”

Each of these survey responses to the purpose of our lives is tied to an aspect of yearning to feel complete and perfect. *Teleios* is the universally shared and desired destination of our spirit, which we get from living in unity with God's purpose for our life. The reason why it is important to comprehend, accept, and adhere to a universal purpose of life is that it provides a roadmap to personal *teleios*, which is ultimately the destination or goal for our lives and the common understanding among all of humanity that stems from our intended and created innate desires bestowed on our nature from God.

For us to define purpose as an objective and universally applicable aspect of our lives, there is a prerequisite and necessary component. There must be a standard. We cannot achieve an assessment of the purpose of life without a standard of meaning. Without a standard or intended outcome for our existence, then there would be no universally applicable

purpose, no personal destination, goal, or meaning to the completion of our lives.

Teleios provides the standard that gives purpose to our lives, the intention for the journey of our purpose in life. Think about it like this, does a car drive better on a road or a beach? When we live with a purpose that is not designed to suit us as humans, it feels like driving on sand. Everything is hard, and we do not get anywhere as soon as we would like. Sometimes we get stuck and have to get out of the car just to dig out our tires to be able to get back to driving again.

Something that is shared by every human is to feel complete. That completeness is derived from a standard of perfection. So the aspect of teleios is a personal connection to full completion and perfection in every aspect of our life and character. In simple plain English, our purpose involves becoming more like God. The standard for our life is perfection and total completeness, we cannot rely on anything else but something complete and perfect to guide us. We must rely on God to help us be more like Him.

Imagine sitting in prayer and asking God to give you a perfect life, such as having the perfect feeling on the inside,

outward character, perfect life experiences, knowledge, and, in every aspect, perfection. What would that life look like? Jesus tells His apostles and others that he meets about what they can do to receive “teleios” many times in the Bible.

For example, in Matthew 19 a young ruler who was very rich came to Jesus and asked Him, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?’ Finally Jesus told Him, ‘If you wish to be complete (teleios), go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’” Then the apostles ask Jesus, “Then who can be saved?” And Jesus responds, “with people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

This example points to serving God over self as being the purpose of life and a way to achieve completeness or teleios.

Likewise, in Matthew chapter 5 Jesus gives the sermon on the mount where He discusses ways to live righteously. In summation, Jesus preaches the way to live that brings teleios. He says, “Therefore you are to be perfect (teleios), as your heavenly Father is perfect (teleios).” Ask yourself, do you want to feel complete? Do you like feeling incomplete?

The message of teleios is simple. If we choose to serve God, then we will receive a reward of completeness from Him because we are acting in line with our intended purpose. We must align with our intended purpose given by God to receive teleios. Simply stated, inventing our purpose will always lead to emptiness so far as it is outside of God's intention for our purpose.

Therefore, to achieve a feeling of teleios, we must abandon intentions and desires outside of God's. Teleios manifest in our lives when we give up our standard of perfection and live by God's. The only path to teleios is by the fulfillment of our purpose crafted by God's intention for us.



Chapter 3: A Drop of Faith

With a soft heart and as someone who once did not believe the Bible to be any more than a classic bedtime story, I understand that you may wholly doubt or have some doubts about the truth of the existence of a God or the accuracy of the Bible.

The story arch of the Gospels, which is the story of Jesus' life, is a narrative about God being a physical dude and people questioning whether or not He is God. That's super heavy and for a long time, the author of this book on the purpose of life believed Jesus was a lie, like Santa Claus.

The problem with not having any faith in the divine reason for being or universal purpose in life is very plain. Where is my fulfillment? It seems that when I drink water, I always end up wanting more. If I go to the beach and have fun, next weekend I want to do it some more. For some people, it's the same with sex, or buying stuff, or looking good, or drugs.

The pleasure of our purposes does not last. Not only do they not last, but our purposes outside of God lead to loss and heartache every time. Everything we might do for ourselves and our purpose in life results in a loss somewhere else. For instance, the money-motivated career person loses out on family life. The championship athlete loses out of bodily health. The gambler loses relationships; and on down the line in some way or another.

However, the one without personal desire outside of God's purpose for their life never loses. They may lose:

personal health, possession of money, praise and fame, authority and power, or any other possession of the world. But they have teleios, unlike those who live to serve only themselves.

Inside of the faithful (one who believes) there is a spiritual fountain spring of joy because they are guided by God. Their standard is Jesus. Their identity is not in the external character of their personhood in this world, but they have a desire to be like God; which provides limitless fulfillment and a spiritual abundance no earthly empire could equate to.

For a second, think about all the hurt that you've been through. Think about the times you have cried. The times you have been defeated and pissed off. Think about the hardcore things that you've seen and the dread that has washed over you when times were tough. Imagine the friendships that were abandoned in some way. Those are the things that can take your heart out of perfection and completeness.

Jesus is the one who knows your pain. He knows your pain because He suffered that rejection from nearly everyone according to the Gospel. He was murdered savagely because of His spiritual connection to God. His dying, struggling, and

suffering body was put on display for people to publicly mock. But not only that, Jesus knows your pain because He can feel YOUR pain.

The Book of John, chapter one, verses 1-5 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it."

The Bible says that Jesus was a witness to creation and that He is a being that exists eternally, into the past and future. This means that Jesus feels your pain now, before and later on because He is now with you and has been with you forever.

He is a witness to your life and you can be a witness to His life. This God who suffered the same trauma in this world that we do, who loved life in the great moments of triumph like we do also has full empathy for you, unlike any other witness to your life, more than even yourself.

The one whom we serve is worthy to be served. This is not a one-way relationship, meaning we don't need to offer

sacrifices of burnt flesh to the Gods to make volcanoes stop spewing. This relationship is about us achieving purpose in our life, being filled with teleios, and transiting our spirit of completeness and perfection to our beloved fellow children of God and the whole abundance of creation.

Jesus Christ is our archetype or standard by which everything is judged. He demonstrated teleios to us through His teachings and by His actions. So, when we are like Him and do His will, then we act by God's creation for us and receive teleios from God.

Think about it this way.

What do we know of the origin of the universe? We can read the Genesis creation story, Bhagavad Gita, and A Brief History of Time. But, regardless of the information that we consume, there is no authority besides God who was present at the creation of all things. There were no eyewitnesses to the Big Bang besides God, so to speak.

And is this the same for the origin of humanity? Are the globally shared stories of the creation of man coming from God or Gods or spacefaring Gods or aliens true? There is no

eyewitness to them besides the ones who were first created. And they weren't kind enough to send us a postcard.

Therefore, we cannot go outside of ourselves to know questions that are not definitively answerable by sources outside of oneself, or God. We must turn in and find our footing on foundations of truth and understanding that are immovable – because they are universally true and apply to everyone, everywhere; regardless of culture, faith, or time.

We need truth that is everlasting and innate to our humanity. In that space of faith, you can place anyone, from any identity, and they will find peace and wisdom. It's not about what we name God, it's about the effective presence of God in your life, for you to serve Him and for Him to be at work through you. That is the purpose and destination of our life.

Jesus represents the one who was there at the Big Bang. He is the one immovable, immortal, universal, and timeless teacher we can place faith in because His craft in our hearts and actions is tangible and measurable. We can witness the effect of our having faith in God, and His teleios transforming us.

Although, this process requires, at minimum, a suspension of disbelief. Jesus says in Luke 17:6, “And the Lord said, ‘If you have faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you.’” So first the seed of faith is planted in our minds and hearts, and then that seed takes root in our lives, growing into greater acts of faith; compounding into a springwell of teleios.

Softening the heart to having a drop of faith is the beginning of being open to seeing God’s presence in your world with Him. He is the narrator of your life and will show His presence through coincidence and miracles. His mark will be, “placed on the forehead (mind and perspective) and right hand (desires and actions)” as you witness God working through you in the lives of others; that is to say, the grand story of the world.

With a drop of faith, you will begin to invite a personal testimony of teleios into your existence as your will is replaced with God’s will. The transformative power of faith in Jesus Christ is measurable by you, inside of you and your intent will become to do the will of God. You are the witness to God’s

existence as you are the one who has a direct connection to God. In other words, you don't require a priest to be "saved."

Having even just the smallest "maybe" of faith and keeping that suspension of disbelief is enough for you to encounter God. He is everywhere, always. This encounter will grow to a desire for more contact which comes with revelation about your purpose from God. He will guide your growth.

You will see the serendipity, you will feel the teleios and you will experience the majesty of God in your life; but only through faith. It's a personal correspondence and it's happening all of the time.

But even better than actually having your prayers answered: "God please just show me that you are real" – you will even live with the presence of God in teleios. The teleios of God is the source of any lasting fulfillment in this life. That feeling of completeness and perfection (teleios) is the treasure in Heaven, just as Jesus told the rich man in Matthew 19.

To give up your possessions in this world and follow Jesus, is not for Jesus, but for us. Our great commission is to trade our purpose for God's purpose, to live in teleios. Doing that brings the kingdom of heaven to Earth through us.



Chapter 4: How We Got Here

Our relationship with God is truly the greatest pursuit and mystery of this life. On the other hand, there is a grand story and purpose of humanity as a whole. Have you ever looked up at the stars and wondered, “How did Earth get here? Who am I? What is the meaning of this world?” Do you ever feel really small in the grand scheme?

To understand the purpose of our life in service to God, it can be helpful to understand what God's intentions were for the creation of humanity and this world. Get ready because you're about to hear a teaching that will seem true and familiar to your heart, although your mind may have not wrapped around it yet.

How did we get here? We can look at the story of Adam and Eve, which is a creation myth that is similar to many if not paralleling aspects of all ancient accounts of the first humans in ancient accounts, globally.

In the First Epistle to the Corinthians chapter 15, verse 44, Paul the Apostle writes, "If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living soul.' The last Adam became a life-giving spirit."

We physically take after Adam – which in Hebrew can be taken to mean soil, earth, or clay; humanity or mankind; to form, craft, or make; and to be red or ruddy as in the color of bare skin under hair. Based on the Book of Genesis account, Adam and Eve, are the genetic origin of human life on Earth, created from the elements of the Earth by God.

Paul the Apostle mentions that "the last Adam," who "became a life-giving spirit," is Jesus Christ. He says this because understanding the intention or purpose of the life of Adam and then Jesus gives us a complete understanding of God's intention for the story of humanity. This allows us to feel content in how we can fit into the bigger picture.

To lay the groundwork, after the creation of the Earth, "God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground, Yahweh God caused to grow every tree that is desirable in appearance and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:8-9). With that, God created a perfectly desirable habitat for humanity where the man He formed had access to abundant food and a desirable life. Following this, the Book of Genesis states that God created humanity "to cultivate [Eden] and keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

Then, God created Eve to be a suitable helper to Adam for their life's purpose, to cultivate and keep up God's garden. We could imagine this to be a perfect life where all their needs were met in harmony with their environment and without shame, fear, death, or evil.

However, a straightforward warning from God to Adam and Eve added to their life's purpose as keepers of Eden. "God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may surely eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die'" (Genesis 2:16-17).

At this point, we can see that the purpose of humanity was twofold; to cultivate God's garden called Eden, and to not eat of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The fall from paradise came when Adam and Eve famously ate that fruit and deviated from their life's purpose as God had provided them.

The second they ate the fruit, Genesis chapter three, verse seven says, "And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings." So they now experienced life with a new perspective that included shame, an emotion that broke the serenity of life in perfect Eden. Shame was in opposition to their life's purpose and distracted them from cultivating the garden, as God intended them to do.

Now, they faced the consequences of their choice to break the commandment of God. Now that they were like God, knowing good and evil, God gave them a new purpose.

God said to Eve, "I will greatly multiply Your pain and conception, In pain you will bear children; Your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you" and telling Adam, "Cursed is the ground because of you; In pain, you will eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:16-19).

From there, God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us to know good and evil; and now, lest he send forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever" (Genesis 3:22). Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden with a new purpose for their lives. Their purpose was to know good and evil, to work for a living and bear children; which came as a consequence of their choice to experience the fullness of a dualistic nature other than perfection in paradise.

Humanity's original purpose of living in a perfected state was changed. Whereas, the "curse" of God provided us the ability to perceive things we were formerly unable to, evil. Adam and Eve were now able to feel pain and die, while before they were only able to know good.

We are the inheritors of this "original sin," which is to know good and evil. To this extent, we are also the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve who "ate the fruit" to know the dualistic nature of good and evil. Perhaps one can imagine that a soul, even our own, came from God (Genesis 2:7, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Ezekiel 18:4) to dwell in bodies inhabiting this dualistic universe to experience good and evil as opposed to paradise, from where it came.

Since we are the descendants of Adam, and we live with the pain of good and evil, we could also imagine a utopia without pain, death, suffering, and shame. That is to say, we desire the teleios of inhabitants in paradise like Adam and Eve had in Eden.

Humanity's fall from grace with God in paradise and to the dualistic good and evil on Earth speaks to our purpose in life as a matter of perspective. Namely, we are here to simply

experience good and evil in this “fallen world” by working to sustain our lives and to raise children.

Think about it like this. God said to Adam, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us to know good and evil” (Genesis 3:22). The message of humans becoming like God implies that God had a higher understanding of reality than humans did, which we gained knowledge of by eating the fruit.

Adam and Eve became like God because now they were aware of what evil and good were. Whereas before, they only knew perfection and total unity. Adam and Eve’s purpose in life changed because of their newfound perspective.

Imagine this: if the only thing we knew was paradise in the presence of a loving creator God, how could we appreciate what we had? Have you ever heard stories of extremely wealthy billionaires talking about how they are not going to give their children an inheritance? Oftentimes, they don’t want their children to be spoiled or live a life not feeling the pain and joys of labor, which is part of God’s purpose for our lives.

One can argue that Adam and Eve disobeyed God because they lacked enough perspective to even know why obeying God was good and why disobeying God was bad. But

since we now exist in a state of pain and suffering, unlike in the utopia of Eden, how much more do we desire life with God in paradise than Adam and Eve did before they ate the fruit?

We, along with Adam and Eve, appreciate God's gift of paradise infinitely more now than they did without knowing good from evil. This experience in a world of good and bad imparts perspective. Therefore, our collective purpose in life is to experience good and evil.

Even so, many people curse God for their pain. Although, we only have reason to thank God for life. Our soul has the opportunity to grow spiritually by experiencing good and evil. Through this experience, we gain the ability to be like God, which is to appreciate paradise, goodness, and love infinitely more than we could have without suffering pain and evil.

Whereas the first man, Adam, became a living soul, Jesus Christ became a life-giving spirit as our archetype to unify with God in paradise. That is to say, we can have love in our hearts and be unburdened through our faith in Jesus – our inner knowingness by the power of the Holy Spirit – relieves our fear of death. We gain teleios knowing that to reunite with

God once our lives are over will be a better thing to us than we've ever experienced both in life or wherever our souls originated. This life of suffering and joy is elevating.

Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate on Earth as a man, proved Himself to be God by performing miracles such as resurrection from death and fulfilling Biblical prophecy in His time. In this dualistic world, people without the teleios of God and who live with a self-interested purpose are the same today as those who killed Jesus. His teachings threatened their self-interest. They would crucify Him again today, and they do.

Jesus Christ disrupted the base of their power and wealth by teaching people to love one another and to place value and faith only in God, not men or self. The "New Covenant" made by Christ's sacrifice on the cross gave all of humanity the hope to return to an Edenic-like state of being with God again, through faith. Evil still seeks to murder good.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead after being killed, which proved to humanity that there is life after death and that Jesus was teaching the truth.

Just as Jesus died on the cross a Roman centurion saw the miracle of the death of Jesus, and he began praising God,

saying, “Certainly this man was righteous” (Luke 23:47). There are witnesses of Jesus even today, even if it is in spirit. Just the same way, we will suffer in this life for a purpose. That purpose is to serve God. And as our own will and purpose are replaced by God’s will and purpose, we become like God, which is to resonate ever stronger in the completeness and fulfillment of teleios.

The intention of God’s creation of humanity was for us to serve Him. This is the source of our fulfillment. His purpose in our life was for us to grow to be like Him. That’s why Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Now that we are here, part of our life is to simply know good and evil. Once we die and go back to God in paradise, we’ll have much more appreciation for the good, loving nature of God.



Chapter 5: Returning Home With Wisdom

When I was about ten years old I thought about the purpose of life. My conclusion was shocking and scary. I saw no purpose in life. This was the first time I contemplated suicide. I went so far as to promise myself that once I turned 18

years old, then I would buy a gun, get a car, drive to the boonies, dig my own grave, and take my own life. What a trip.

The reason why I thought these adversarial thoughts was because I was not living to serve God. Lacking purpose or having a purpose outside of God's will is fertile soil for evil and Satan. I was being led away from the "herd" and away from the sheep herder – that is to say I was out of unity with God and other people. I was being selfish without really knowing it.

The concept of Satan is the adversary. If God is the creator of us and the universe, then Satan is the adversary of that. He is the father of lies (John 8:44). Satan is analogous to the opposite of the will of God.

Without having a purpose rooted in service to God there is not a reason to live anyway. What happens after you have had sex with 10,000 people? What happens when you do all the drugs and make all the money? It's pointless.

That's what drove me to contemplate suicide at 10 years. People without a purpose in serving God, or at least a universally applicable moral code, are generally feeling lost, empty and end up not having a purpose when their orgies are said and done. Jesus has the answer. He leads us to teleios.

The thing that stopped me from killing myself was not faith in Jesus. It was not going to church or anything having to do with religion. It was the Holy Spirit.

I say that because there has always been a thorn in my side to want to know “truth.” I have always been interested and passionate about finding out what is right or what is REAL.

So what saved my brain from being dislodged at a young age was a simple logical argument. If I am alive, then I might as well just live and see what happens; maybe it will even be fun. Two words: experience and refinement. These are the same two things that touch on 86% of people’s understanding of what the purpose of their life is.

These concepts are innate to human existence, almost as if they were designed to be that way. The secret is God designed us to be that way, and it is real.

What I have learned is that God intended our lives to be about experiencing good and evil in this life to serve His will. So if we know the purpose of life then why not just kill ourselves and get to the fun part in the afterlife in paradise? Because it is God’s intention for humans to live, work, and procreate, right? I get that it’s hard though.

Fortunately, we have help. Jesus' purpose is to guide and care for us. In the Book of John chapter 10, Jesus says He is the "Good Shepherd." This is perhaps the most important piece of Jesus's message about the purpose of our life.

(8) All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

(9) I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

(10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

Here Jesus says that teachings that do not align with the will of God are not true and will not lead to teleios. He goes on to say that these purposes outside of serving God for our life lack any fulfillment, while His will leads to a life in line with God's intended purpose for us and our feeling of teleios.

(11) Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

(12) He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and

leaves the sheep and flees—and the wolf snatches and scatters them—

(13) because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

In these verses Jesus is using the sheep and the shepherds as a metaphor for His relationship to us; saying that He cares about us individually the most one possible could. Jesus implies we should trust Him fully without a doubt.

(14) I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

(15) even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

(16) And I have other sheep, which are not from this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

Here Jesus says that He represents the will of God and that people who can see that, also do the will of God. His message is for everyone, not just one group of people.

(17) For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

(18) No one takes it away from Me, but from Myself, I lay it down. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

Jesus says that He has power over life and death and that His will is the will of God.

(19) A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

(20) And many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?”

(21) Others were saying, “These are not the words of someone demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

The people that Jesus spoke to were talking amongst themselves. Some people in the audience were trying to dissuade others from believing in Jesus’ teachings. However,

the people who could understand His message knew that His teaching was true and that Jesus was not evil, but good.

(26) But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

(27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

(28) and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish—ever; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

(29) My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

(30) I and the Father are one.”

Here Jesus is speaking to the ones who are trying to dissuade others from believing in Him. He told them that they cannot overcome the truth with lies and take people away from God who have faith in Him because Jesus represents God and protects His people.

(31) The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

(32) Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”

(33) The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself God.”

Here the people that are trying to dissuade others from doing the will of God want to kill Jesus not because He does good deeds and liberal miracles proving that He is God in front of their eyes, but because His teachings disrupted their social hierarchy, status, power and selfish purpose of their life.

(34) Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’?”

(36) If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Here Jesus uses scripture of the ancient knowledge that the people possessed to prove His divinity and to prove His point to them. The point is that the truth is greater than our subjective conclusions; explicitly Jesus serves as our standard

for God's will and with faith in Him, we may do the will of God, just like He does.

The truth is a testimony that we live and grow to understand over our lifetime. Even I was once a Satan (adversary) to God's purpose in my own life and others. For a long time in middle school and high school, I attempted to dissuade people from having faith. I told people Jesus had a pretty good fairy tale with a decent moral of the story.

I professed a testimony of selfish desire and living a life of my own will. That is to say, I elevated myself to Godhood, caring only about myself and my purposes. This led to heartbreak, lost relationships, wasted time, and general emptiness.

Just like Jesus said, I did, "not believe because [I was] not of [Jesus'] sheep." That is to say, I was not living to God's purpose build design intention, which is to serve Him. That was until I came to a point in my Spirit-led research of the history of humanity, and the origin of everything good in the world. That led me to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

All signs pointed to Jesus, in other words, and they do; from before His incarnation to after. But the most impactful thing about having faith in God is that faith has changed me.

Jesus said, “You are Gods.” What?

This significant message along with the accompanying allegory of Jesus as a shepherd is the most heartwarming message of peace and unity, hope and love that can be shared. That Jesus Christ had the spirit of God in Him. This God who revealed Himself to the world as Jesus is also in us; just like how He was in Jesus.

Jesus said, “I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me” (John 14:10) At first, this can be kind of hard to understand. Just like it’s hard to understand why Jesus said, “You are Gods.” Jesus goes on to clarify this message, saying, “I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father abiding in Me does His works” (John 14:10).

Therefore, if Jesus says that God abides in Jesus because God is working through Jesus, then when Jesus says, “You are Gods” it means that God is working through us.

God is inside of us. That is the most important lesson. The esoteric understanding of Jesus' divinity and that of our own is fully fleshed out in one of the most famous passages of the Bible, which is John 3. In this text Jesus explains God's plan with humanity, why some people follow God's will, and why some people do not:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Moreover, this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light lest his deeds be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been done by God" (John 3:16-21).

Jesus Christ says that the way to unite again with God in eternal life is by believing that He was raised from the dead. In a nutshell, if Jesus is God and came back to life after dying, then so can we. But He says there is more we can do like Him.

We can do God's will just like Jesus. What this entails to literally to physically and mentally do nothing of your own, but to only live to serve God. That is extremely hard, and only possible through the infinitely abundant forgiveness and grace of Jesus.

For example, according to Patrick Means (1999), author of *Men's Secret Wars*, 64% of Christian pastors surveyed confirm they struggle with sexual addictions like pornography, compulsive masturbation, or secret sexual activity (p. 132).

That's only the ones that would admit to it, and keep in mind, that survey was done in 1999 before smartphones. The point of this is to say that even people who have their entire identity and life's work devoted to trying to be like Jesus still fall short. So if pastors suffer from sin and do not rise to the divinity of Jesus, then how can anyone else expect to be like God? Well, it starts with faith and repentance.



Chapter 6: What Do We Do Now?

To serve God, which is to do His will and to allow the habitation of God in you is what brings teleios and is the purpose of life. Not only that, but it can bring heaven to Earth.

Jesus said in Matthew 7 verses 13-14, “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that

leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and few find it.”

The narrow way is when you do God’s will. Few find it because the standard of right action in the eyes of God is perfection, and that is why He is God. That is also why Jesus Christ died for all of humanity to rid us of ancient bondage to the law of sin and death and to reunite with God.

God is more powerful in our lives than we recognize. I have a personal testimony about how my desires have changed, my personality has transformed and my will has molded to that of God’s all from a small drop of faith. It starts with a first step. The mustard seed of a simple suspension of disbelief can change anyone’s life in the teleios of spiritual completeness.

Jesus’ example shows us how to keep up our walk of faith with Him after the initial first step. He shows us how to serve God so that He can work through us. Teleios starts with shedding disunity in our hearts, by taking down our walls and ridding our separation from others.

The famous line from Matthew chapter 7, verses 1-2 describes how God judges us, which is important to know.

"Do not judge, so that you will not be judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you."

The lesson here is that when we create separation from other people, then we are likely to step off the narrow path of serving God. Jesus taught this in the Book of John chapter 8 verse 7 when He said, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." Meaning, that we must not hate. Jesus teaches that we must live as if we are not just ourselves, but that we were Gods.

This is to say that we must live like we are not just ourselves, but that we are God in us, and that "we" – that is to say our consciousness – is also the same God (consciousness) but within others as well.

A type of illustration of this comes from one of the miracles that Jesus performed in the Book of John chapter 1 verses 47-50.

(47) Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

(46) And Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

(47) Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said about him, “Behold, truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”

(48) Nathanael said to Him, “From where do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

(49) Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

We are led to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, meaning that Jesus was God’s perfect son or God as a human being. This would mean in a sense that physically Jesus was the same as everyone in terms of flesh, but has a spiritual essence of God because He was filled with the fullness of God’s consciousness. If God is spirit, because spirit comes from God, and all spirit returns to God, then all spirit is God. Whoever has the spirit has God in them.

Therefore, it can be asserted that Jesus saw Nathanael under the fig tree in a spiritual sense. But how could this be so? How could Jesus have seen him there without having seen Nathanael with His eyes?

Well, Philip, who believed in Jesus, saw Nathanael under the tree. But Jesus said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." This means, either Jesus was all-knowing about all things all the time, or that Jesus saw Nathanael from someone else's eyes under the fig tree, or that Jesus saw from Nathanael's eyes under the fig tree.

While we may not know exactly how Jesus saw Nathanael when he was under the fig tree, this passage holds the key to how we relate to one another through spirit and God. Which is that we are judged by God according to our measure because we are also the person who we judge.

That is to say that Jesus saw Nathanael under the fig tree, because Jesus saw from the eyes of Nathanael, as Nathanael. Jesus spoke to Himself and knew that Nathanael was under the fig tree because Nathanael was also Jesus, only that the Spirit of God was in Nathanael; which enabled Jesus to see Nathanael under the fig tree.

The understanding that God is our consciousness and that through God we are all each other, is innate to the teachings of Christ. This is a mystery of life; that God is conscious life and that the spirit of what is behind my eyes is what is behind my eyes.

When we realize that consciousness is divine and that God inhabits all of LIFE within the flesh, then we have the opportunity to walk through the “narrow gate.” That is to say when we can see that God is our consciousness and everyone else’s, then we can be like God. What we do in secret, is not secret, but is shared with everyone, who is God. So what we do to another is what we do to ourselves, who is God?

For instance, consider Mark chapter 12. Jesus was asked, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” Jesus responded by stating:

“The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord, our God, is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12: 29-31).

What would the world look like if we all conformed to the commandments of Jesus? He explains further:

(32) And the scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him;

(33) and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

(34) And when Jesus saw that he had answered thoughtfully, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one would dare to ask Him any more questions.

Therefore, the world where you, “love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” and you “love your neighbor as yourself” is “not far from the kingdom of God.”

What does that mean? What should we do?

First, this means having an identity that is fully, completely devoted, and solely invested in loving God with every aspect of our being. To love God is to have a persona that is devoured by serving God's will and to be EMPTY to self.

Secondly, if one is completely devoted only to God and empty to self, this enables one to LOVE other people as yourself – not because you've elevated another person to your status, but because you realize that you ARE them because God is both you and them – and that you are both God.

Thirdly, Jesus says that loving God and your neighbor is, “not far from the kingdom of God.” This sentence has a million implications but simply stated, the kingdom implies the dominion or sovereignty or authority of God. Therefore, it would mean that God is working through all people and is working through all people in the kingdom; that God has control over everyone in the kingdom of God.

In this case, God would be acting through and as everyone in the kingdom, having control over them. This is a parallel in the Gospels when Jesus speaks about the kingdom of heaven. He says the kingdom of heaven is doing God's will.

For instance, in the Book of Matthew chapter 7 verse 21, Jesus says, “not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

We do not have to wait for Jesus riding a white horse to do this. His Spirit is here now and descended on men since the time of Acts chapter 2. This was our fleshly purpose given in the garden of Eden: to know good and evil, to labor and reproduce. This is our spiritual purpose given from Jesus: to love God, to love others as ourselves, and to serve God’s will.

In the Book of John chapter 15 verses 14-15, Jesus says, “You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

So we are the friends of Jesus when we do what he has commanded us, which is to love. Even when Jesus was being tortured He prayed for His torture (Luke 23:34). This is because Jesus knew what it was like to torture Himself.

We pray for our tortures because we are also them, through God. And regardless of the pain and evil in this world,

we will have teleios, knowing that if we do God's will this is the purpose of our life above all.

When we do the will of God we will receive infinite love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22). These gifts of God are given to us not because of our own choices or merit, but despite it. We receive these blessings because our selfishness (which is Satan to God) has been subjected by God.

And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:28).

When we read, all in all, this is to say that each person recognizes the divinity of God in one another, knows that this divinity is also in them – and therefore, knows that they are one another, in spirit. From that recognition, they have an identity to love God over self and love of neighbor AS self. The world subjected to God is close to paradise. Imagine that world. That is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Chapter 7: The I in You and Me

We need to be consciously aware that God loves everyone because God is everyone. He loves everyone just like He loves you. So, while we struggle with hatred or other negative emotions about other people, we need to recognize that any bad feelings towards other people are not God's will for us.

We will not enjoy the fruits of the Holy Spirit (teleios) while feeling negatively towards other people. For us to live God's purpose for us we must love our neighbors as ourselves. Paul the Apostle illustrates the extent to which we should love others in the Book of Romans, chapter 12:

(14) Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

(15) Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep,

(16) by being of the same mind toward one another, not being haughty in mind, but associating with the humble. Do not be wise in your own mind.

(17) Never paying back evil for evil to anyone, respecting what is good in the sight of all men,

(18) if possible, so far as it depends on you, being at peace with all men,

(19) never taking your own revenge, beloved—instead leave room for the wrath *of God*. For it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.

(20) “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.”

(21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

In our aspect of Satan, which is the self-serving one, it is impossible to get ahead and complete the purpose of your desires when you follow the advice of Christ. Jesus is the adversary of evil or selfishness. How could you take advantage of other people for material gain if you are supposed to love them? As a warrior how would you take over new territory and subject new peasants to pay taxes and tariffs to the crown if you are supposed to be feeding your enemy? You couldn't. Overcoming evil with good is not a dominant strategy for world domination; in the short term.

However, think of the good in the world and how it has conquered darkness over the long term. Human ownership, aka slavery, was just until recently commonplace since forever in human history. No matter the darkness in this world, the ones who hold to the purpose of their life keep an

unbroken chain from eternity to eternity of the unfolding redemption of humanity, in the image of Jesus.

This is the teaching of Jesus in the Book of Matthew chapter 5 verse 16, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” This is a message that Paul the Apostle shared in the Book of Philippians chapter 2, which explicitly ties together the whole teaching of this book and the work of Jesus through us.

(1) Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

(2) fulfill my joy, that you think the same *way*, by maintaining the same love, *being* united in spirit, thinking on one purpose,

(3) doing nothing from selfish ambition or vain glory, but with humility of mind regarding one another as more important than yourselves,

(4) not *merely* looking out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Paul says, “think the same way.” He says to do this by maintaining the same love, being united in spirit, thinking on one purpose, being empty to self, and regarding each other as more important than self.

(5) Have this *way of* thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

(6) who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

(7) but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men.

(8) Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Paul here states that Jesus also emptied Himself and did this to the point of only doing the will of God, and submitting Himself to God’s purpose in Him which was to die to ransom the world from the law of sin and death; fulfilling the law.

(9) Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

(10) so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on Earth and under the Earth,

(11) and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Christ serves our archetype to be in unity with God. Every person will eventually be in unity with God.

(12) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

(13) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Lastly, Paul says that God is at work through us. It is my prayer that through this understanding you receive teleios in spirit, just as you receive it by God through me and I have received it through Jesus Christ; so that God may be all in all.



Chapter 8: Adversary to Unity

Knowing what we know now, let us take the time to think through what people of true faith do with their time on Earth when their purpose in life aligns with the will of God.

Let us also consider what people of fake faith may do with their lives while not conforming to God's will out of

selfishness. Moreover, let us do this consistently in the recognition that we judge based only on our measure, "for with what judgment you judge, you will be judged" (Matthew 7:2).

There is no better illustration of those who practice lawlessness and are the servants of a master other than Jesus Christ than the example provided by the Bible, which is people who serve the purpose of gaining material wealth.

The two most famous verses that deal with the love of money include Matthew 6 where Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." (Matthew 6:24). The other often quoted verse is from the First Epistle to Timothy chapter six where Paul the Apostle says:

"If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words—those of our Lord Jesus Christ—and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited, understanding nothing but having a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction between

men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. However, godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these, we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils, and some by aspiring to it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Timothy 6:3-10).

The parallel teachings presented in 1 Timothy 6 and Matthew 6 deal with the priorities that people set and the results of these priorities. God does not recognize "gray areas" in our life's purpose. Either we are living in service to God's will and purpose for us, or we are living to serve ourselves. One glorifies God, which leads to receiving the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the other is out of unity with God, leading to evil.

The example that Jesus uses involves the incongruent purposes of serving God and seeking to gain material wealth.

He mentions that if we love God, we will naturally empty ourselves of a desire to gain material possessions. Likewise, if we adopt a purpose of accumulating material wealth, we will then despise the selfless aspects of having our identity, thoughts, actions, and results only serving God's purpose for our lives.

In America, our foremost idol is the accumulation of wealth. Many people who read the Bible are grateful to God for being alive and believe in an afterlife, but typically serve themselves rather than rooting their identity in loving God.

This is because their identity is rooted in material gain. Their desire to maintain an identity in material wealth may be to keep up appearances with other people, feel powerful, or compensate for feelings of inferiority in some form or another.

However, when these selfish people get opportunities to provide charity or show grace to other people, even their friends, they will have strong feelings against giving up their material wealth to help others. This is a form of hell.

In the Book of John chapter 3 verse 36, John says, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not

obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36).

Think about instances when you felt the wrath of God. Have you ever been heartbroken? Have you ever had a feeling of dread because of a mistake that you made? Maybe it was a financial mistake or maybe you got angry at someone else and went too far. Could it be that you did something like deceive which caused terrible pain to someone else? The wrath of God was abiding in you because you felt the pain that you caused on yourself, the reflection of the pain in the person that you hurt.

Otherwise, maybe you have made mistakes like you lost your house or your business. Maybe you got in a car accident and now you have to ride the bus. In other words, you lost something of yours which your identity was tied to, and now the wrath of God was abiding on you.

These are the consequences of having an identity in your purpose, rather than a purpose to serve God. Remember, John says, “he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” This is to say that when you serve your own will then inevitably, the wrath of God abides on you.

Likewise, while there is pain from these instances of not obeying the will of Jesus, there is very little joy to speak of as well. Any joy that comes from your purpose or will is short-lived. It is not teleios, nor is it eternal life.

However, the one who is connected in unity with God and whose purpose is to serve God, who sees themselves in the light of the spirit reflected in others will have eternal life. They are empty to themselves and are of God, living on in all of the LIFE which is the spirit of God in all creation, and outside of it, wherever God is.

We can combat this desire, which is a desire that comes from our flesh by focusing on our purpose in God. Aligning our intentions with our creator's will allow us to humble ourselves continually as desires mount and we find ourselves in temporary separation from the will of God and unity with others.

That is the message in a famous passage contained in Ephesians 6.

(10) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

(11) Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

This passage uses the analogy of armor to illustrate the fortitude we must have in keeping an identity in serving God. This fortitude and desire comes from God. The armor of God protects us from serving our own will, so far as it deviates from God's will. In this instance, it can mean being "full" of oneself or having desires above loving God and neighbor as self.

(12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

(13) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

We are not here to win battles against others. War and violence is selfish. Earthly coercive authority is Satanic. The forces of darkness divide us from seeing divinity in each other.



Chapter 8: Conclusion

Jesus wants us to be God's "salt and light" on Earth. (Matthew 5:16) Our purpose in life is to know good and evil, love God, love our neighbors as ourselves, repent of sin, believe in the afterlife as Jesus provided through sacrifice on the cross and resurrection, and glorify God through good works.

By doing God's will on Earth by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be holy. Our sanctified state is to be God's children as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. When we are reborn with this understanding, we are unified in the love of God and experience total spiritual completeness; where there is only good and no pain. That is the feeling of teleios.

We will all meet our creator in the afterlife, and we will all feel that complete love of God when He is "all in all." If we have full faith in this as our future, then we can be content in any condition, no matter how dire. We just need more faith. This is why Jesus said that the kingdom of God is at hand and in our midst (Matthew 3:2, Luke:17:21).

Believers are the "ambassadors for Christ" on Earth (2 Corinthians 5:20). Our purpose is to represent and glorify our Father with our time on Earth in contentment and gratitude. When we do the will of God, we receive the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22). Outside of following the will of God we will not receive the fruit of the Holy Spirit as we live in a purpose based on serving ourselves.

If we follow our conscience, the Holy Spirit, then we are set apart from these evil desires of our flesh in: "sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these" (Galatians 5:19-21). As we identify in Jesus Christ and act accordingly, we can maintain a feeling of contentment, always knowing that our Father will provide us with the fruit of His Spirit.

We do not need self-help. We need the only thing that works, faith in Jesus. Our God loves us and cares for us. We have a direct line of communication with Him through His Spirit in prayer, and His Son, "sitting at the right hand of Power" (Matthew 26:64). Let us never doubt God's judgment. Repent for your wrongdoing and maintain unity with God. God has forgiven us of our trespasses as we forgive others who trespassed against us because He measures using our measure. Pray for your enemies as Jesus did.

With this understanding, we must never forget to love not only our neighbors but everyone. We must have maximum faith in the resurrection of Jesus and our eternal life. Everyone is raised from death; even the worst sinner. We must have

confidence in God's power, "that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (1 John 5:14-15).

So, let's do the will of God in union with Him. Do not hate other people. Understand that they lack an identity in Christ and purpose in God's will. Let God judge them and us. Be God's child as an example to others. Remember that Jesus, who is our example, was murdered horrifically and that we are called to suffer even the same circumstance out of love.

Let us be His vessel on Earth, without doubt or fear to see God in all others and creation. Because God, prayer, the afterlife, and our life's purpose are real. No matter the problems we face, we will all meet God and feel the completeness of His love when we are raised incorruptible after death.

Hold firm to faith in the resurrection of Jesus. Know that our purpose is greater than selfish desire. Be content knowing that evil will pass away forever once we are with God. We can have teleios in our lives now by serving God and we have eternal reasons to praise Him. Hallelujah.



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